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10 a.m. . . . . 46th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

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Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

1. Assistance in mine action (A/59/284 and A/59/284/Add.1) . . . . . [22]

   Interactive panel on mine action as a component of United Nations peacekeeping operations – The experience to date

   General debate

   Action on draft decision A/C.4/59/L.9

2. Programme planning . . . . . [109]

   Programme 23 (Public Information) (A/59/6)

Second Committee

10 a.m.–12 noon . . . . . Conference Room 4

Keynote address on the theme "Forging coherence to achieve the Millennium Development Goals in the context of globalization" by Mr. Amartya Sen, Lamont University Professor at Harvard University and 1998 Nobel Laureate in Economics, followed by remarks by Mr. Martin Wolf, Associate Editor and Chief Financial Commentator of *The Financial Times*

[The keynote address will immediately be followed by a presentation of the Norwegian Millennium Report (MDG 8), by the Minister of International Development of Norway, H.E. Ms. Hilde F. Johnson.]

[The event, organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be presided over by Mr. Marco Balarezo (Peru), Chairman of the Second Committee. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.]

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Globalization and interdependence (A/59/138, A/59/115, A/59/155-E/2004/96 and A/59/158) . . . . . [87]

(a) Globalization and interdependence (A/59/312)

(b) International migration and development (A/59/325 and A/59/73)

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin (A/59/203)

(d) Culture and development (A/59/202)

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy (A/59/301)

Introduction

3–6 p.m. . . . . 20th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

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Introduction (continued) and general discussion

Third Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 30th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Human rights questions (A/59/225, A/59/371 and A/59/425[1]) . . . . . [105]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/59/255, A/59/319, A/59/320, A/59/323, A/59/327, A/59/328, A/59/341, A/59/360, A/59/366, A/59/377, A/59/385, A/59/401, A/59/402, A/59/403, A/59/422[1], A/59/428[1], A/59/432[1], A/59/436 and A/59/525[1])

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/59/256, A/59/269, A/59/311, A/59/316, A/59/340, A/59/352, A/59/367, A/59/370, A/59/378, A/59/389, A/59/413 and A/C.3/59/3[1])

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/59/36)

Continuation of dialogue with:

Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Introductory statements by, and dialogue with:

Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in the Sudan

Special Rapporteur on the right of everyone to the enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health

Special Rapporteur on violence against women, including its causes and consequences

3–6 p.m. . . . . 31st meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Human rights questions (A/59/225, A/59/371 and A/59/425[1]) . . . . . [105]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (A/59/255, A/59/319, A/59/320, A/59/323, A/59/327, A/59/328, A/59/341, A/59/360, A/59/366, A/59/377, A/59/385, A/59/401, A/59/402, A/59/403, A/59/422[1], A/59/428[1], A/59/432[1], A/59/436 and A/59/525[1])

[1] To be issued.

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives (A/59/256, A/59/269, A/59/311, A/59/316, A/59/340, A/59/352, A/59/367, A/59/370, A/59/378, A/59/389, A/59/413 and A/C.3/59/3[1])

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (A/59/36)

Introductory statements by, and dialogue with:

Chairman of the Working Group on the right to development of the Commission on Human Rights

Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, particularly women and children

[1] To be issued.

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 17th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

1. Human resources management (A/59/263, A/59/263/Add.1, A/59/263/Add.2, A/59/357, A/59/211, A/59/264, A/59/291, A/59/446, A/59/217, A/59/222, A/59/299, A/59/213, A/59/213/Add.1, A/C.5/59/4, A/59/388, A/59/253, A/59/152, A/59/65 and A/59/65/Add.1) . . . . . [114]

Conclusion of general discussion

2. United Nations pension fund (A/59/9, A/59/9/Add.1, A/C.5/59/11 and A/59/447) [117]

Conclusion of general discussion

3. United Nations common system (A/59/30 (Vols. I-II), A/59/153, A/59/399, A/59/429 and A/59/522) . . . . . [116]

Conclusion of general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 106 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/59/5 (Vol. I), A/59/5 (Vol. III), A/59/5 (Vol. IV), A/59/5/Add.1, A/59/5/Add.2, A/59/5/Add.3, A/59/5/Add.4, A/59/5/Add.5, A/59/5/Add.6, A/59/5/Add.7, A/59/5/Add.8, A/59/5/Add.9, A/59/5/Add.10, A/59/5/Add.11, A/59/5/Add.12, A/59/A/59/161, A/59/162, A/59/318, A/59/318/Add.1 and A/59/400))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 114 (Human resources management (A/59/263, A/59/263/Add.1, A/59/263/Add.2, A/59/357, A/59/211, A/59/264, A/59/291, A/59/446, A/59/217, A/59/222, A/58/666, A/59/299, A/C.5/58/L.13, A/58/283, A/59/213, A/59/213/Add.1, A/C.5/59/4, A/59/388, A/59/253, A/59/152, A/58/704, A/56/956, A/56/956/Add.1, A/59/65 and A/59/65/Add.1))

[1] Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Committee.

Sixth Committee

10–11 a.m. . . . . 16th meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts . . . . . [139]

Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts (A/59/321 and A/C.6/59/L.13) . . . . [140]

Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives (A/59/125, A/59/125/Add.1 and A/C.6/59/L.14) . . . . . [141]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.14

Observer status for the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States in the General Assembly (A/59/233 and A/C.6/59/L.7) . . . . . [160]

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/59/L.7

Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session (A/59/17, A/C.6/59/L.11 and A/C.6/59/L.12) . . . . . [143]

Action of draft resolutions A/C.6/59/L.11 and A/C.6/59/L.12

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Information and Communications Technology Strategy
2. Strengthening the Department of Public Information, within the existing capacity, in order to support and enhance the United Nations Web site in all official languages of the Organization: status of implementation

Economic and Social Council

United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination
Second regular session of 2004

9.45 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

General Assembly
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Informal consultations on agenda item 49 (b) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 49 (b) (Sustainable fisheries, including through the 1995 Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments) will be held *today*, 29 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

First Committee
Informal consultations

The Chairman's informal open-ended consultations of the First Committee will be held *today*, 29 October 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Second Committee
Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Ulrika Cronenberg-Mossberg (Sweden), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (Sustainable development), will be held *today*, 29 October 2004, from 11 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind), will be held *today*, 29 October 2004, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Vanessa Gomes (Portugal), on the draft resolution on agenda item 87 (c) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin), will be held *today*, 29 October 2004, from 2 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", to be convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Eva Tomić (Slovenia), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (g) (United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development), will be held *today*, 29 October, from 2 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Stefano Toscano (Switzerland), on the draft resolutions on agenda item 85 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction) and on international cooperation to reduce the impact of the El Niño phenomenon, will be held *today*, 29 October 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. José Briz Gutiérrez (Guatemala), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (c) (External debt crisis and development), will be held *today*, 29 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Juraj Koudelka (Czech Republic), on the draft resolution on natural disasters and vulnerability (under agenda item 85 (c)), will be held *today*, 29 October 2004, from 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Third Committee
Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations, convened by Ms. Astanah Banu Shri Abdul Aziz (Malaysia), to negotiate the Chairman's text relating to the issue of revitalization of the work of the Committee, *today*, 29 October 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Other meetings

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Friday, 29 October 2004

2004 United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament

9 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

2–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room E

Asian Group

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Co-sponsors meeting on Belarus (organized by the United States Mission)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Enhancing capacity-building in global public health" (under agenda item 55) (organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Open-ended informal consultations on improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee (organized by the Permanent Mission of Indonesia)

10 a.m.–12 noon. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room A

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The use of micro-algae as food to restore the victims of humanitarian emergencies" (under agenda item 39) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Somalia)

11.30 a.m.–12.30 p.m.. . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on policies and programmes involving youth (organized by the Permanent Mission of Portugal)

1–2 p.m... . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 ***(Fifth Committee matters)***

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Group of 77 ***(core group on globalization and interdependence)***

1.15- 2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 *(coordinating meeting on sustainable development: draft resolution on the international year of freshwater)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on globalization and interdependence: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin; followed by meeting on the draft resolution on globalization and interdependence: international migration and development)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Group of 77 *(core group on operational activities for development: triennial policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

Group of 77 *(Third Committee matters)*

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the universal realization of the right of peoples to self-determination (organized by the Permanent Mission of Pakistan)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Meeting of co-sponsors of a Third Committee draft resolution on human rights defenders (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions (organized by the Permanent Mission of Finland)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on strengthening the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme, in particular its technical cooperation capacity (organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Open-ended informal consultations on a Third Committee draft resolution on the "Rights of the child" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina and Brazil)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Trusteeship Council Chamber

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Meeting of co-sponsors of the draft resolution A/59/L.5/Rev.1 entitled "Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union" (under agenda item 56 (j)) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Southern African Development Community (SADC) *(Third Committee experts)*

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room S-1527A

Group of Eastern European States *(Third Committee matters)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of Eastern European States *(Third Committee matters) today*, 29 October 2004, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the *suite of offices* of Conference Room 1.

Panel discussion on the "International prohibition of torture: Challenges and responses" (organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights)

Mr. Theo C. van Boven, Special Rapporteur on torture and other cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, will chair a panel discussion on "International prohibition of torture: Challenges and responses", organized by the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, in cooperation with the NGO Committee on Human Rights, to be held *today*, 29 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

Briefing on governance and development (organized by the United Sates Mission, in cooperation with the Financing for Development Office, DESA, and the Office of the Special Representative of the World Bank)

There will be a briefing on governance and development, organized by the United States Mission, in cooperation with the Financing for Development Office, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the Office of the Special Representative of the World Bank, *today*, 29 October 2004, from 1.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Dr. Daniel Kaufmann, Director of Global Programs, World Bank Institute, will make a presentation on "Good governance and anti-corruption worldwide: Myths and realities emerging from data". Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-5900; or e-mail fahmyh@un.org).

United Nations Development Programme

The second informal consultation on the third global cooperation framework (GCF-III) will be held *today*, 29 October 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested Member States are invited to attend.

United Nations Administrative Tribunal

The United Nations Administrative Tribunal will hold closed meetings *today*, 29 October 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in room DC2-0461.

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm.

Friday, 29 October 2004

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . . Mr. Vitit Muntarbhorn, Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesman

3 p.m. . . . . . H.E. Ms. Hilde Frafjord Johnson, Minister of International Development of Norway (on the reform of the United Nations; the Sudan and the Millennium Development Goals)

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 1 November 2004

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

10 a.m. . . . . . 47th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . . [14]
   - (a) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the International Atomic Energy Agency (A/59/295)
   - (b) Draft resolution (A/59/L.18)
2. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development: report of the Secretary-General (A/59/307) . . . . . [26]
3. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion . . . . . [48]
   - (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/266)
   - (b) Draft resolution (A/59/L.10)

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

The Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) will take up agenda items 75 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East) and 76 (Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories), from 1 to 11 November 2004. Delegations wishing to participate in the general debate on these agenda items are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible (room S-2977; tel. 1 (917) 367-3189).

Second Committee

Informal "informals"

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Xolisa Mabhongo (South Africa), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity), will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 9.30 to 11 a.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Ms. Irena Zubčević (Croatia), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development), will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 11 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Kumar Gupta (Canada), on the draft resolution on agenda item 86 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly), will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 12.45 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Gabriel Cremades, (Spain) on the draft resolution on freshwater (under agenda item 85 (a)), will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Félix Mbayu (Cameroon), on the draft resolution on agenda item 84 (Follow up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development), will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., in a conference room to be announced in the *Journal*.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Paul Lolo (Nigeria), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa), will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 2.30 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. George Talbot (Guyana), on the draft resolution on agenda item 83 (b) (International financial system and development), will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room S-2963D.

Informal "informals", convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Mark Ramsden (New Zealand), on the draft resolution on agenda item 85 (b) (Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States), will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 4 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

2004 Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System

Dialogue

There will be a dialogue for the 2004 Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review of Operational Activities for Development of the United Nations System on the theme "United Nations development cooperation: Reforms, resources, results", organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Marco Balarezo (Peru), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Mr. Le Van Bang, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam; Ms. Leonor Calderón, Minister of Social Development of Panama; Mr. Jean-Michel Severino, CEO of the French Development Agency (AFD), France; Ms. Badarch Suvd, Director of Policy Planning, Information and Monitoring Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia; Ms. Ruth Jacoby, Director-General for International Development Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden; Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, Administrator, UNDP, and Chair of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG); Mr. Lennart Båge, President, IFAD and Chair of the High-Level Committee on Programmes (HLCP) of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination (CEB); Ms. Thoraya Obaid, Executive Director, UNFPA; Ms. Anna Kajumulo Tibaijuka, Executive Director, UN-HABITAT; Ms. Noeleen Heyzer, Executive Director, UNIFEM; Mr. Carlos Fortin, Officer-in-Charge, UNCTAD; and Mr. Kul Gautam, Deputy Executive Director, UNICEF.

Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion for the 2004 Triennial Comprehensive Policy Review for Operational Activities for Development on the theme "United Nations development cooperation: Coordination, participation and effectiveness". A presentation on the functioning of the United Nations development system at country level will be made by the United Nations Sub-regional Team for Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States. The panel, organized by the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting will be chaired by Mr. Marco Balarezo (Peru), Chairman of the Second Committee. The panellists will include Ms. Rosina Wiltshire, Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative; Ms. Veta Brown, Programme Coordinator of the Pan-American Health Organization/World Health Organization; and Ms. Jean Gough, UNICEF Area Representative. Presentations will also be made by H.E. The Hon. Elvin Nimrod, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Grenada; and Ms. Judy Williams, Secretary-General of the Grenada Community Development Agency, representing civil society. An open forum with the delegations of Member States will follow.

For further information on the dialogue and panel discussion, please contact the Office for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-2825). Members of Permanent Missions, agencies and organizations of the United Nations system, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all items allocated to the Second Committee is open. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Committee (Ms. Maria Theresa Olvida (tel. 1 (212) 963-8429; fax 1 (212) 963-5935; e-mail olvida@un.org)). Delegations are reminded that the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers should be submitted to Mr. Nikhil Seth, Secretary of the Second Committee (room S-2950C; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Third Committee

Mr. Doudou Diène (Special Rapporteur on contemporary forms of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance) (under agenda item 103); and Ms. Shaista Shameem (Special Rapporteur on the question of the use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination) (under agenda item 104), will address the Third Committee on Wednesday, 3 November 2004, at 9.30 a.m.

List of speakers

The list of speakers for the general discussion on all items allocated to the Third Committee is open (A/C.3/59/L.1/Rev.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the Third Committee secretariat (Ms. Vivian Bonano (tel. 1 (212) 963-5973; fax 1 (212) 963-5935)). Delegations are also requested to submit the names of representatives, alternate representatives and advisers to the Secretary of the Third Committee, Mr. Moncef Khane (room S-2950; fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

Fifth Committee

Starting on Monday, 1 November, until Thursday, 11 November 2004, in accordance with the decision of the General Assembly and by the Fifth Committee, the Fifth Committee will hold its morning meetings from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.

On Monday, 1 November 2004, the Fifth Committee will hold informal consultations (closed) at 9.30 a.m. in Conference Room 5. The Committee will hold its 18th meeting at 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 3, at which time the Secretary-General will make an introductory statement on a strengthened and unified security management system for the United Nations (A/59/365 and A/59/365/Add.1). Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 18th meeting.

Sixth Committee

List of speakers

The list of speakers for all remaining items allocated to the Sixth Committee is open (A/C.6/59/L.1). Delegations wishing to be inscribed are kindly requested to contact the secretariat of the Sixth Committee (Ms. Nena Villena-Tanedo (tel. 1 (212) 963-5375; fax 1 (212) 963-1963; e-mail villena-tanedo@un.org)).

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

Informal consultations on agenda item 49 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea)

Open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 49 (a) (Oceans and the law of the sea) will be held as follows: Monday, 1 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6; Tuesday, 2 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8; and on Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

General Assembly

2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and 2004 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme

The 2004 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities and the 2004 United Nations/Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Pledging Conference for the World Food Programme, will be held on Thursday, 11 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room 2. It would be appreciated if delegations could submit the names of their representatives to the Pledging Conferences, in writing, to Ms. Sangeeta Sharma (fax 1 (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers will be open from Wednesday, 3 November 2004. Delegations wishing to be inscribed are requested to contact the secretariat of the Conference (Ms. Terri Olvida (fax 1 (212) 963-5935; or e-mail olvida@un.org).

Economic and Social Council

Informal consultations

Informal consultations, convened by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Ms. Marjatta Rasi (Finland), will be held on Friday, 5 November 2004, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, on issues before the resumed substantive session for 2004.

Resumed substantive session 2004

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting of its resumed substantive session of 2004 on Friday, 5 November 2004, immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Commission on Sustainable Development

Briefing

There will be a briefing by H.E. Mr. John Ashe (Antigua and Barbuda), Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on contributions of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the thirteenth session of the Commission and its intergovernmental preparatory meeting. The briefing, held at the request of the NGO Committee on Sustainable Development, will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Representatives of non-governmental organizations and other major groups are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Federica Pietracci, Division for Sustainable Development, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8497).

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of 77 *(draft resolution on external debt crisis and development)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(draft resolution on external debt crisis and development)*, on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)*

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Monday, 1 November 2004, from *10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.* in Conference Room 4.

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development; followed by meeting on the draft resolution on the follow-up and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(draft resolution on macroeconomic policy questions: international trade and development; followed by meeting on the draft resolution on the follow-up and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development)*, on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on social dimension of globalization; followed by meeting on the draft resolution on globalization and interdependence)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(draft resolution on social dimension of globalization; followed by meeting on the draft resolution on globalization and interdependence)*, on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m., in a conference room to be announced.

Group of 77 *(draft resolution on training and research: United Nations University)*

There will be a closed meeting of the Group of 77 *(draft resolution on training and research: United Nations University)*, on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. in Conference Room A.

UNITAR French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of Permanent Missions in New York. The workshop will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m.; on Tuesday, 2 November, from 3 to 6 p.m.; and on Wednesday, 3 November, from 3 to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196).

African Group *(Fifth Committee matters)*

A meeting of the African Group *(Fifth Committee matters)* will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 1 to 2 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Community of Democracies *("democracy caucus" at the expert level)*

There will be a meeting of the Community of Democracies *("democracy caucus" at the expert level)*, organized by the Permanent Mission of Chile, on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The use of micro-algae as food to restore the victims of humanitarian emergencies" (under agenda item 39) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Somalia)

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "The use of micro-algae as food to restore the victims of humanitarian emergencies" (under agenda item 39), organized by the Permanent Mission of Somalia, will be held on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 3 to 3.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Meeting of Legal Advisers

There will be a meeting of Legal Advisers on Monday and Tuesday, 1 and 2 November 2004, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Mason Group *(First Committee)*

There will be a meeting of the Mason Group *(First Committee)* on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 9 to 9.45 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

United Nations Development Programme

An informal consultation on the implications of simplification and harmonization on execution modalities will be held on Tuesday, 2 November 2004, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 8. All interested Member States are invited to attend.

Group of the Least Developed Countries *(pending issues before the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council; Second Committee draft resolution on the least developed countries; and preparation for the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (18-22 January, Japan))*

There will be a meeting of the Group of the Least Developed Countries *(pending issues before the resumed session of the Economic and Social Council; Second Committee draft resolution on the least developed countries; and preparation for the World Conference on Disaster Reduction (18-22 January, Japan))* on Wednesday, 3 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" (under agenda item 100) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway)

Informal consultations on a draft resolution entitled "Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees" (under agenda item 100), organized by the Permanent Mission of Norway, will be held on Wednesday, 3 November 2004, at 3 p.m., in Conference Room B.

Briefing on the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005) (organized by the Permanent Mission of Mauritius)

There will be a briefing on the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Mauritius, 10-14 January 2005), organized by the Permanent Mission of Mauritius, on Thursday, 4 November 2004, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of Permanent Missions are invited to attend.

UNITAR/OLA seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (OLA) are jointly conducting a seminar on the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and registration of treaties. The seminar will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 and 10 November 2004, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. The programme of the seminar will be sent to registered participants. Delegates who wish to attend the seminar are requested to return the nomination form that has been faxed to their Permanent Mission by Thursday, 4 November. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9196 or 963-9683).

UNITAR workshop series on policy awareness and training in information technology

As part of the series on policy awareness and training in information technology, the third high-level seminar of this year on "Policy awareness and security issues in information technology", organized by the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will be held on Friday, 19 November 2004, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The seminar is part of the third annual series, presented under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics and implemented with the active participation and sponsorship of the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation. For further information please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

UNITAR workshops on information technology

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), the ICT Task Force and Intel Corporation jointly organize the 2004 Series entitled "Policy awareness and training in information technology" under the auspices of the Working Group on Informatics. The programme consists of a set of four progressive modules and one seminar presented as a cycle, which will be repeated four times throughout the year. The first four modules of each cycle focus on: (a) Introduction to computers and Windows 2000; (b) E-mail and Internet search basics; (c) Introduction to Microsoft Word 2000; and (d) Web-page design basics and usability techniques. The fifth module, conceived as an interactive seminar, covers policy and security issues in information technology. Cycle IV of the 2004 Series, to be conducted in English, will be held until Friday, 19 November 2004. For further information, please contact the UNITAR Office (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-3021 or 963-9196).

Announcements

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Monday, 4 October 2004, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530.

Preparations for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (28 February-11 March 2005), delegations are kindly invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Addressing the linkages between the implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action and the outcome document of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly and the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration: progress, gaps and challenges; and (b) Future perspectives on the promotion of gender equality: through the eyes of young women and men. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org and/or proppe@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463; room DC2-1268 or room DC2-1262), no later than 5 November 2004, indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated.

2004 Nairobi Summit on a Mine-Free World

Delegations are kindly informed that the list of speakers at the high-level segment on Thursday and Friday, 2 and 3 December 2004, at the First Review Conference of States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction is now open. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers are kindly requested to contact the Executive Secretariat at the Geneva Branch of the Department for Disarmament Affairs (tel. +41 (0) 22-917-5281 or 22-917-2281). Delegations are kindly asked to indicate the level of the representative as well as the preferred time-block for delivering their statement (i.e. 2 December, morning session, 2 December, afternoon session, or 3 December, morning session). Delegations are reminded that the allotted time for statements is 6 minutes.

Electronic notice boards for meetings

Electronic notice boards for meetings were recently installed in the General Assembly Lobby and at the garden level adjacent to the Cafe Austria to display updated information on scheduled meetings taking place at Headquarters. The Department for General Assembly and Conference Management would welcome feedback comments on the screens, which can be sent by logging on to http://emeets.un.org and using the feedback form, so that further adjustments can be made as necessary. The Department would

also welcome comments sent to the same e-mail address on the terminology used, the quality of language services and improvement of other services provided to Member States.

International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States, in his capacity as the Secretary-General of the Mauritius International Meeting, announces that as per General Assembly resolution 58/213B (A/RES/58/213B), the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados+10) will take place from 10 to 14 January 2005 in Mauritius. The high-level segment will be held on 13 and 14 January 2005. If necessary, it was also decided that two days of informal consultations be held in Mauritius, on 8 and 9 January 2005, to facilitate preparations for the Meeting.

Summary of meetings

Thursday, 28 October 2004

Security Council

5066th meeting

Women and peace and security

Report of the Secretary-General on women, peace and security (S/2004/814)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, El Salvador, Fiji, Guatemala, Honduras, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kenya, Kuwait, Liechtenstein, Mali, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, the Republic of Korea, South Africa, Sweden, the Syrian Arab Republic and the United Republic of Tanzania, at their request, to participate in the discussion of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations; Ms. Louise Arbour, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights; Ms. Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund; Ms. Agathe Rwankuba, Réseau des Femmes pour la Défense des Droits et la Paix; and Ms. Noeleen Hayzer, Executive Director for the United Nations Development Fund for Women.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 22 October 2004 from the Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Deputy Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Secretariat, Mr. Winston Cox.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Carmen Moreno, Director of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women.

The Council began its consideration of the item.

In accordance with the decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Council heard statements under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Jean-Marie Guéhenno, Ms. Louise Arbour and Ms. Thoraya Ahmed Obaid.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Chile, Benin, the Philippines, Spain, Algeria, France, Angola, Pakistan, Germany, Brazil, Romania, China and the Russian Federation, and by the President, in his capacity as the representative of the United Kingdom.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Canada, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area ,which aligned themselves with the statement), Australia, Mexico, the Syrian Arab Republic, India, South Africa and Bangladesh.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Council heard statements under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Ms. Agathe Rwankuba and Ms. Noeleen Heyzer.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, El Salvador, Liechtenstein, Iceland, Mali, Japan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Myanmar, Namibia, Sweden, New Zealand, Fiji, Argentina, Guatemala, Norway, Indonesia, Honduras, Kenya and Nigeria.

The Council heard statements under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Cox and Ms. Moreno.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2004/40).

5067th meeting

The situation in the Central African Republic

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2004/39).

5068th meeting

The situation in Western Sahara

Report of the Secretary-General on the situation concerning Western Sahara (S/2004/827)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2004/869 submitted by France, the Russian Federation, Spain, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council then proceeded to the vote on the draft resolution (S/2004/869) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2004/869) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1570 (2004).

General Assembly

Fifty-ninth session

44th plenary meeting

Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba . . . . . [28]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/59/302, Part I, and A/59/302, Part II)

(b) Draft resolution (A/59/L.2)

Statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, China, Malaysia, South Africa, Jamaica (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), Viet Nam, the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Zambia, the United States, Myanmar, Venezuela, the Syrian Arab Republic, Lesotho, Indonesia, Namibia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Belarus, Zimbabwe and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

H.E. Mr. Felipe Pérez Roque, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Cuba, made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/59/L.2.

The representative of the Russian Federation made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

By 179 votes to 4, with 1 abstention (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/59/L.2 (resolution 59/11).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union and Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Romania and Serbia and Montenegro), Brazil (on behalf of the Southern Common Market), Japan, Iceland, Australia and Norway.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 28.

45th plenary meeting

The summary of the 45th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2004/211).

Main Committees

First Committee

19th meeting

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57-72)

The Committee continued its third stage of work (Action on all draft resolutions submitted under all disarmament and international security agenda items (items 57-72)).

In explanation of vote before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of China, Spain, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the United States.

Draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.19/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Operative paragraph 2 of draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.22 was adopted by a recorded vote of 153 to 4, with 5 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.22 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 135 to 5, with 25 abstentions.

Draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.23 was adopted by a recorded vote of 151 to 2, with 16 abstentions.

Operative paragraph 1 of draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.39 was adopted by a recorded vote of 156 to 3, with 5 abstentions. Draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.39 as a whole was adopted by a recorded vote of 118 to 28, with 21 abstentions.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Sweden (on behalf of the New Agenda Coalition), the Netherlands (also on behalf of Belgium, Luxembourg, Germany and Norway), the Russian Federation, Colombia, India, Germany, Switzerland, France (also on behalf of the United States and the United Kingdom), the Syrian Arab Republic, Pakistan, the United States and the Republic of Korea.

In explanation of vote before the vote, a statement was made by the representative of Israel.

The Secretary of the Committee made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.14 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.24 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.27/Rev.1 was adopted without a vote.

Draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.31 was adopted without a vote.

In explanation of vote after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Brazil.

The representative of Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

Draft resolution A/C.1/59/L.35 was adopted without a vote.

Other matters

The Chairman of the Committee made a statement.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

18th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects . . . . . [77]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Guyana, Eritrea, Senegal, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, Ecuador, Côte d'Ivoire, Bolivia, Namibia, Zambia, the Russian Federation, Ethiopia and Romania.

The Assistant-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations made a concluding statement.

Assistance to mine action . . . . . [22]

The Assistant-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations made an opening statement.

The Committee began its general debate on this item and heard statements by the representatives of Afghanistan, Mali, Peru, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate Countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro), Japan, Norway and Switzerland.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

28th meeting

Human rights questions . . . . . [105]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

The Independent Expert on the situation of human rights in Afghanistan introduced his report (A/59/370), under agenda item 105 (c), and engaged in a dialogue with the following delegations: Afghanistan, Canada, Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), China and Costa Rica.

The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants introduced her report (A/59/377), under agenda item 105 (b), and engaged in a dialogue with the following delegations: Peru, Senegal, Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Costa Rica and Indonesia.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian territories occupied since 1967 introduced his report (A/59/256), under agenda item 105 (c), and engaged in a dialogue with the following delegations: Israel, Switzerland, Palestine, Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Egypt, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Syrian Arab Republic, United States, Lebanon and Jordan.

29th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children. . . . . . [101]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.28

The representative of Egypt introduced the draft resolution, on behalf of the sponsors listed as well as China, Djibouti and Mauritania.

United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all . . . . . [94 (b)]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.15/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Mongolia announced that Belgium, Belize, Brazil, Cambodia, Canada, Cyprus, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Morocco, the Netherlands, the Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, Tunisia and Uzbekistan had joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

Angola, Andorra, Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, the Congo, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Egypt, Fiji, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Monaco, Namibia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and Zambia also joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution.

Crime prevention and criminal justice . . . . . [96]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.21

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the African Group) orally corrected the draft resolution.

Qatar joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as orally corrected.

Advancement of women . . . . . [98]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/59/L.25

The Committee was advised that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of the United Kingdom made a statement and announced that the following countries had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution: Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Cape Verde, Fiji, France, Georgia, Iceland, Iraq, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Malta, Morocco, New Zealand, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Tunisia and Turkmenistan.

Andorra, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Namibia, Panama and Senegal also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, which was then adopted by the Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica and the United States.

Human rights questions . . . . . [105]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

The Committee continued its dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the right to food with the following delegations: Togo, China, India and Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar introduced his report (A/59/269), under agenda item 105 (c), and engaged in a dialogue with the following delegations: Myanmar, United States, Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Australia, New Zealand, Switzerland, Japan, Canada, Cambodia and Republic of Korea.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea introduced his report (A/59/316), under agenda item 105 (c), and engaged in a dialogue with the following delegations: Japan, Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland, Democratic People's Republic of Korea and China.

The Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo made a presentation, under agenda item 105 (c), and engaged in a dialogue with the following delegations: Democratic Republic of the Congo and Switzerland, Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union) and Canada.

Fifth Committee

15th meeting

Improving the financial situation of the United Nations (A/59/524) . . . . . [110]

The Committee began its general discussion of this item and heard statements by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), the Russian Federation, the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland and Norway, members of the European Economic Area, which aligned themselves with the statement), Bangladesh, Kuwait, Japan, Malaysia, Myanmar, China, Viet Nam, the Republic of Korea, India, the Lao People's Democratic Republic (on behalf of ASEAN), Oman, Brazil (on behalf of the Rio Group), Jordan, Singapore, Tunisia, Pakistan and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The Under-Secretary-General for Management replied to questions raised and provided an update on the current financial situation of the United Nations.

The Committee thus concluded this stage of consideration of this agenda item.

Human resources management . . . . . [114]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Qatar (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), New Zealand (also on behalf of Australia and Canada) and Kuwait.

16th meeting

United Nations pension fund . . . . . [117]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board, Mr. Antonio Busca, introduced the report of the Board (A/59/9 and A/59/9/Add.1).

The Under-Secretary-General for Management introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/11).

The Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/59/447).

The Committee began its general discussion of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the United States, Uruguay, Barbados, Jamaica and Nigeria.

The representative of Jordan made a statement.

The Chairman of the United Nations Joint Staff Pension Board replied to questions raised.

Human resources management . . . . . [114]

The Committee resumed its general discussion of this agenda item and heard statements by the representatives of Jordan, China, Saudi Arabia, the Philippines, Viet Nam, the Russian Federation, Mongolia, the United States, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Turkey, the Bahamas, Japan and the Syrian Arab Republic.

Sixth Committee

15th meeting

Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States . . . . . [138]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 138.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands (on behalf of the European Union; the candidate countries Bulgaria, Romania, Turkey and Croatia; the countries of the Stabilization and Association Process and potential candidate Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Serbia and Montenegro; and the EFTA countries Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, members of the European Economic Area), the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Czech Republic, Japan, the United States, Belarus, Poland, Côte d'Ivoire, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Russian Federation and Mexico.

The Committee thus concluded its debate on agenda item 138.

Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts . . . . . [139]

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 139.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Netherlands, Brazil, Japan, China, the United States, Belarus, Israel, the United Kingdom, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), Portugal, Greece, Slovakia, Australia (also on behalf of Canada and New Zealand), Austria, Spain, Uruguay, Venezuela and Guatemala.

It was announced that the Committee would continue its consideration of this item on Friday, 29 October 2004.

Summary of meetings held away from Headquarters

Thursday, 28 October 2004

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Human Rights Committee
Eighty-second session
United Nations Office at Geneva

2241st meeting — *Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant* [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the fifth periodic report of Poland.

2242nd meeting — *Third informal meeting with States parties* . . . . . [8]

The Committee held its third informal meeting with States parties.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Notification under article 4 (3) of the Covenant: Jamaica (27 October 2004)[1]

Protocol to the 1979 Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution on Heavy Metals. Aarhus, 24 June 1998

Ratification: Lithuania (28 October 2004)[1]

Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Convention on Biological Diversity. Montreal, 29 January 2000

Accession: Guatemala (28 October 2004)[1]

Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants. Stockholm, 22 May 2001

Ratification: Romania (28 October 2004)[1]

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

OLA/UNITAR Seminar on the Deposit of Treaty Actions with the Secretary-General and the Registration of Treaties

United Nations Headquarters, 9 and 10 November 2004

The above seminar, sponsored by the Office of Legal Affairs of the Secretariat (OLA) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), will take place on 9 and 10 November 2004 at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The objective of the two-day seminar is to provide an overview of the deposit of treaty actions with the Secretary-General and the registration of treaties. The seminar is designed essentially to meet the needs of members of the permanent missions and representatives from capitals, and other personnel, in particular, legal counsellors and advisors, dealing with matters of treaty law, or specifically involved with the preparation of treaty actions with regard to multilateral treaties and with the registration of treaties pursuant to Article 102 of the United Nations Charter. Assistance and guidance will also be provided on the domestic aspects of participation in multilateral treaties.

The seminar is based on the Treaty Handbook, which was developed and published by the Treaty Section of OLA. The Treaty Handbook is a practical guide to the depositary practice of the Secretary-General and the registration requirements of the Secretariat. It is designated to serve as a tool for Member States, secretariats of international organizations and legal practitioners.

For more information about the seminar, please contact the Treaty Section of the Office of Legal Affairs (tel. 1 (212) 963-5047; fax 1 (212) 963-3693; e-mail treaty@un.org). Information Notes and Nomination Forms will be transmitted to the Permanent Missions accredited to the United Nations in New York by UNITAR shortly.

Other announcements

Launch of the DPKO Gender Resource Package for Peacekeeping Operations

The Department of Peacekeeping Operations will launch its Gender Resource Package for Peacekeeping Operations *today*, 29 October 2004, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Presentation on "Getting the best out of the United Nations and disarmament Web site" (organized by the Department of Disarmament Affairs and the Permanent Mission of Italy)

There will be an interactive presentation on "Getting the best out of the United Nations and disarmament Web site", organized by the Department of Disarmament Affairs and the Permanent Mission of Italy, on Monday, 1 November 2004, from 12.45 to 2.15 p.m. in Conference Room 5. Members of Permanent Missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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